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TRUETT-MCCONNELL		ARMSTRONG STATE		
60	Final	1	2	T
	TRUETT-MCCONNELL (3-11)	28	32	60
	ARMSTRONG STATE (3-6)	45	39	84
		84		



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SAVANNAH, Ga. - Armstrong State University senior **Shaquiell Mitchell** scored 19 of his career-high 23 points in the first half and freshman **Kwei Lartey** made his collegiate debut with a double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds in the Pirates' 84-60 men's basketball win over Truett-McConnell on Wednesday afternoon at Alumni Arena.

GAME LEADERS	
TRUETT-MCCONNELL	
Pts:	Jâ€™Quayveon Williams - 16
Reb:	Sandale James - 6
Ast:	Trae Jackson - 4
ARMSTRONG STATE	

The Pirates (3-6) picked up their second straight win and also second straight win at home with the win over the Bears, who fell to 3-11 overall with the loss in the first meeting between the two teams. Armstrong State returns to Peach Belt Conference play on Saturday, January 2nd, hosting USC Aiken at 3:30 p.m. at Alumni Arena.

Truett-McConnell hit three of its first four three pointers to take a 17-13 lead in the first seven minutes of the contest, but the Pirates used a 20-6 run over the next 10 minutes to take a 10-point lead, 33-23, and eventually built a 17-point lead, 45-28, at the break when Mitchell beat the buzzer with a three-pointer.

Mitchell was 6-of-8 from the floor and 3-of-3 on three pointers en route to 19 first-half points. He would finish the contest with a career-high 23 points to lead all scorers on the day.

Lartey, meanwhile, had a standout debut as the true freshman hit 7-of-12 shots from the floor en route to a double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds, along with two blocks. Senior **Marcus Hopper** chipped in 14 points off the bench with a perfect shooting day, hitting 6-of-6 shots from the floor and both free throws for 14 points.

The Bears were led by J'Quayveon Williams' 16 points on 7-of-8 shots from the floor and 2-of-4 shots from the free throw line.

The Pirates finished the contest shooting 54 percent from the floor (34-of-63), while Truett-McConnell shot just 38.3 percent from the floor (23-of-60). The Pirates also had a 32-11 edge in points off of turnovers and a 34-14 edge in points in the paint.

<b>Pts:</b> Shaquiell Mitchell - 23
<b>Reb:</b> Kwei Lartey - 10
<b>Ast:</b> Nicholas Scott - 7

TEAM STATS		
TRUETT-MCCONNELL	ARMSTRONG STATE	
(23-60)	Field Goals	(34-63)
38.3%	Field Goal %	54.0%
36	Rebounds	37
9	Assists	21
19	Turnovers	15
11	Pts off Turnovers	32
15	2nd Chance Pts	13
14	Pts in the Paint	34
2	Fastbreak Pts	13
24	Bench Pts	47

FULL STATS



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